

October 10 - 4:30 p.m. Excerpts from Agency afternoon Sit Report:

GENERAL

1. The situation on the ground appears to be stabilizing on both fronts today with no significant advances made by either the Israelis or Arabs. Israeli ground forces, supported by a large number of airstrikes controlled most of the Golan Heights today and are reported to have entered and cleared Qunaytirah. They also made some shallow penetrations across the cease-fire line by noon, Tel Aviv time. Egyptian ground forces are holding the east bank of the canal to a depth of six to ten kilometers and continue to rebuild their bridges and add reinforcements. The Israelis, again with heavy air support, say they are containing the Egyptians; they turned back an armored force driving south into the Sinai from Suez city earlier today.

2. The Syrians launched unsuccessful air attack against Israeli positions in the heights this afternoon, losing 19 aircraft. Egyptian air activity remained light. Israeli air attacks continue to be heaviest in the Golan Heights, but a large number of sorties also were directed against the Egyptian forces

on the west bank. Tel Aviv confirmed that Damascus International Airport was attacked about noon, Tel Aviv time.

Agency situation report also noted that:

--"Reports that the Israelis have crossed the 1967 truce line into Syria are borne out...."

--"Thus far, at least 21 (Soviet) cargo transports have either landed or are enroute to Syria...."

--"No Soviet sealift has been detected in response to hostilities...."

--"The Arab-Israeli war has not yet resulted in politically-motivated oil cutbacks, but it is already affecting exports from the area. The closure of the oil terminal at Baniyas, Syria, and a 50-percent reduction in the Arabian-American Oil Company's Tapline have reduced the flow of oil to Western Europe by about 800,000 bpd, equivalent to about five percent of supplies.....Alternative supplies from the Persian Gulf states are available, but the current tanker shortage will delay liftings....For the present, Egypt and Syria reportedly are not pressing the producing countries to use their oil as a weapon...."

Agency also includes a summary of other aid to Egypt and Syria including aid from Libya, Morocco, Iraq, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Sudan, Kuwait and aid from North Korea and USSR.

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